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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

THROUGH : Special Assistant to the DCI  
for Interdepartmental Affairs

FROM : National Intelligence Officer for Latin America

SUBJECT : NSC Meeting and Strategy Paper on Central America --  
Update and Items for your Meeting with  
Deputy Secretary Carlucci, 7 May 1982

1. The latest State draft of the NSC paper on policy toward Cuba and Central America has been much improved over previous versions.

2. However, I have been told that ARA leadership is questioning whether an NSC meeting is needed and even whether a formal NSC strategy paper is useful. No date for an NSC meeting has been set, though NSC is aiming for 17 May 1982.

3. You might make the following points on Central America/Cuba to Deputy Secretary Carlucci:

- a. There should be an NSC meeting and strategy paper--in order to have clear guidance for a comprehensive [REDACTED] strategy.

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- c. We need a clear set of objectives and calendar so that all the components of our strategy can be mutually reinforcing (see the attached example of how this might look).
- d. "Peace initiatives"/negotiations--by whatever name--require NSC agreed-upon objectives and a process where we inform our friends to keep Castro from using covert actions to divide the regional anti-communist forces; CIA views these negotiations as no more than tactics for Cuba and the communist groups to gain time, therefore, a strict time limit for each negotiation should be set by the NSC.
- e. Negotiation objectives should be limited to:

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